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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1242

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BILL AMENDED: Feb 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Credit Time for Behavior Management Programs.

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BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Department of Correction to establish, implement, and maintain an offender behavior management program. It also provides that an offender who completes a behavior management program may receive good time credit. It exempts sex offenders who are required to participate in a sex offender treatment program or any other sex offender program from receiving credit time as part of a behavior management program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Department of Correction (DOC) currently provides two programs to address behavior management problems:

- (1) *Thinking for a Change*, which is an integrated, cognitive behavior change program for offenders that includes cognitive restructuring, social skills development, and development of problem solving skills.
- (2) *PLUS (Purposeful Living Units Serve)*, which is a faith- and character-based reentry initiative.

DOC reports that a total of 1,229 offenders completed either one or both programs in 2008. At least 749 offenders completed the *Thinking for a Change* program, 442 completed the *PLUS* program, and 38 offenders completed both programs. Some of these offenders who completed these programs may have been committed to DOC for a sex crime. These sex offenders would be eligible for this new credit time but not for completing the sex offender management and monitoring program. [This fiscal note will be updated if this information becomes available.]

Offenders are limited to the amount of earned credit time that they can receive for completing education,

substance abuse, or other programs. Under IC 35-50-6-3.3(I) the maximum amount of credits that they can earn is the lesser of four years or one third of the person's total applicable credit time. Information was not currently available on the earned credit time that each of these 1,229 offenders have.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DOC.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Planning Division, DOC.

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